

**Abstract**  
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Input data are translated into at least one output sentence by a decoding step which sub-lexical entities represented by the input data are identified by a first model. During decoding, as the sub-lexical entities are identified and with reference to at least one second mode, various possible combinations of the sub-lexical entities are generated. Plural possible combinations of the sub-lexical entities are stored. The most likely possible combination is intended to form the lexical output sequence.